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1. The cooperative farm at Orsera, which was formed in 1948, now covers 477 hectares of land, most of which previously was uncultivated or belonged to Italians who had opted for Italy. Of this land, 120 hectares is devoted to viniculture while the remainder is used for other crops and for grazing purposes.
2. The cooperative now includes 78 members, a total of 329 persons in all with their families. During 1949, 600 quintals of wheat were harvested, averaging 11 quintals per hectare. The year's vintage is expected to total 4,000 hectoliters of wine, while the olive trees should produce 70 to 80 hectoliters of oil.
3. In order to operate the farm, members have been divided into brigades and each brigade into groups, with every brigade or group assigned to a specific task on a certain area of land. There is a daily norm which each brigade, group and individual is expected to fulfill. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the leaders of the cooperative. Members claim that they (the leaders) do not do their share of the work and receive more than their share of the produce.
4. The new cooperatives, each consisting of 40 families, are being established at Montona and are known as the Veli Joze and the Preporod. These cooperatives will occupy land now being drained in the Montona Valley.

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